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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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COVER PICTURE—Virgil Baker, East Point, Ga.

Our cover picture this quarter gives our readers an idea of the booth which was sponsored by the Church of God Foreign Missions Department at the Southeastern Youth Congress held recently in Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Cecil Edge, bookkeeper was in charge of the display which consisted of Japanese dolls and pictures, straw handbags and shell brooches from the Bahama Islands, Bibles and New Testaments from Jerusalem, mahogany articles from Haiti, globe mission banks, and an assortment of books and brochures on missions. We still have some of these items on hand, and will be glad to send details on prices, etc. to those who write to Church of God Foreign Missions, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. (See back cover page of this Evangel for prices on the books and globe banks.)

The map of the world hanging on the wall shows the countries in which the Church of God carries on missionary work. As we gaze upon this map and the posters which convey deep missionary emphasis and thought let us thank God for what has been done by our Church for those in foreign lands who have already heard the blessed gospel story, and at the same time may we place our present and future efforts on the altar of sacrifice in order that the gospel of Jesus Christ may reach even greater realms than heretofore.

CONVENTIONS IN PANAMA AND COSTA RICA

By Bill Watson, Missionary

We want to report the blessings of God in the three conventions which were held in this territory from March 31 through April 7. Our Superintendent, Vessie D. Hargrave, was with us for all but the first night, to provide us with Spirit-filled messages and helpful suggestions for the betterment of the work.

The convention for the English-speaking in Paraiso, Canal Zone, was of necessity, carried on in both English and Spanish. Our good Spanish brethren came from the farther-away places such as Garachine and Pedasi as well as from our three Spanish churches nearby. The industrious men of Paraiso cut poles and palm leaves to make a very nice brush arbor beside the church. Not to be outdone, the women set a huge table beneath it with such good food that no one could possibly have gone hungry. The spiritual blessings were more satisfying yet.

Young and old came by train, horseback, and on foot to attend the convention in the province of Chiriqui, Republic of Panama. Many from interior towns such as Caisan and Quebrada de Vuelta enjoyed the Lord's Supper and feet washing for the first time. The literature for this area was increased and I feel sure that one or two Sunday Schools will be established as a result of the convention.

The convention in San Jose, Costa Rica ended with interest and attendance growing with each service. We greatly missed Brother Noel H. DeSouza, our missionary to Costa Rica, who was on his way to San Jose by car from Mexico. The playing and singing of his wife, Sister Concepcion de DeSouza, was inspiring. Teaching done there by Brother Hargrave will no doubt be of lasting benefit.

GOOD NEWS FROM EGYPT

Our Overseer of Egypt, Brother Boutros Labib, writes: "I can shout victory in spite of our many enemies. Within a few months we founded five churches, and nearly 200 souls were added. Many of them have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We are building and renting new places. Three new pastors joined us.

There is a great need here."

PUERTO RICO SURGES FORWARD

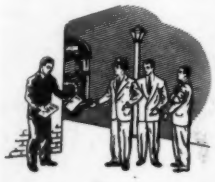
The readers of the **Macedonian Call** will rejoice to know that approximately 1,000 members united with the Church of God in Puerto Rico last April 23, and brought in between $60,000 and $70,000 worth of property without any monthly financial commitment. In this group there were 26 preachers as well as a number of fine Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s. All bids fair for a wonderful move in Puerto Rico.

The POWER of the PRINTED PAGE

By WADE H. HORTON
Foreign Missions Field Representative

Many groups, religious and secular, have realized that there is power and unseen potentialities in the printed page and they are using it to further the cause they represent.

The Seventh Day Adventists, according to the latest reports, are spending $15,000,000.00 annually in their printed ministry. This has brought for them astonishing dividends, to the extent that today they have the world's largest correspondence school with over 3,000,000 students. They are printing and sending out literature in 200 languages of the world. A large part of their phenomenal growth can be attributed to their wide usage of preaching the gospel with the printing press.



The Jehovah's Witnesses cult owns and operates the world's largest religious printing press. Out of their nine-story building in Brooklyn, New York, goes a continual stream of literature in 40 different languages. It would be almost impossible to estimate the millions of dollars they have spent in their fanatical zeal to win converts to their false concept of Christianity. They, too, have learned the value of preaching through the printed page.

It is said that the COMMUNISTS have printed two pieces of literature for every man, woman, boy, and girl in the entire world. They boast that they will sacrifice anything and everything that their cause may succeed. Much of their poisoned and perdition-perfumed propaganda is peddled through the printed page. At present, two thirds of the whole world is either Communistic or Communistically controlled.

The Knights of Columbus spent $700,000.00 last year in an effort to convert the people of America to Roman Catholicism. It has brought results that are amazing. They have had 1,600,000 requests for further literature because of their advertising program in recent years. You can find their articles in several of the nation's leading magazines, put there with the intention (so they say) of enlightening the misinformed. They have realized the powerful effects of propaganda through the printed page. They know that people are going to read something, and they have set out to supply them with plenty of material. This ecclesiastical system is determined that the spiritually hungry and God-searching peoples of the world will continue to read, see, and hear about their Romish religion.

Covetous and Selfish Men are trafficking in the souls of the young people through secular, sinful, and seductive magazines of today. Their flagrant disregard of morals and decency is continually discussed and debated throughout the length and breadth of our nation. The indecent display of the lust of the flesh in many popular magazines is molding the thinking and attitude of millions of our youth. They are continually trying to make it appear that indecent exposure of the body, illicit relationships, strong drink, and other sinful practices are not only reasonable but respectable. This trash is being sowed into the system of our generation and is certain to reap a bountiful harvest of immorality and Anti-Christian consciousness.

It is an appalling fact that the true church has been too slow to awaken to the power of the Spirit in the pages of the published gospel. Many false isms are capitalizing on this method of capturing the minds of men. The true church could do the same, but not with the paltry portion we are now using. What a mere pittance of printer's ink we have used to bring Bible

truth to the minds of multiplied millions who are entangled in the meshes of the devil's delusions. We dole it out in thimblesful when we should bombard every country with barrelsful. We have the best news this old sinsick world of ours has ever heard, so let us share it with those sitting in darkened lands where good news never comes. Of the world's 2,974 languages, 1,789 do not have a Bible or missionary; consequently they have no news of the Crucified and Risen Saviour. Before they feel and hear the effects of the force, farce, fear, and frustration of the many isms, let's reach them with the glorious gift of freedom through the Full Gospel. Let's reach the unreached with showers of gospel literature. Let's do it out of pure love for Jesus Christ, and for the lost who have not seen the light of the gospel. Do it as a "Love Gift Offering" so that the printed page may flow into other unevangelized lands. HOW CAN IT BE DONE? What part can the individual play in this program? The Church? The Sunday School? The Y.P.E.? The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band? The Church of God in India has been needing a printing press for many years. With this press they could reach many that could not be reached otherwise. The cost would be approximately $2,000.00. We have many churches, Sunday Schools, Y.P.E.'s, and Ladies Willing Workers' Bands that could easily buy this, above what they are already doing. The church, the individual, or organization in the church can send donations for this purpose or to print tracts, pamphlets, or Gospels to be sent to the country of their choice. EVERY OFFERING WILL BE USED AS DESIGNATED. If every church, every Sunday School, every Sunday School Class, every Y.P.E., every Ladies' Willing Worker Band, and every individual would send a sacrifice offering for this cause, what a copious rain of Pentecostal blessings would fall upon a whitened harvest field. Regardless of the size of your offering, it will help in this "Literature for the Lost" crusade. SEND AN OFFERING TODAY! STATE THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR SPREADING GOSPEL LITERATURE. SACRIFICE THAT THE GOSPEL MAY GO.

Send all contributions to:

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LELA M. BLACK DEDICATES NEW SONG TO CHURCH OF GOD FOREIGN MISSIONS

The beautiful song, "I KNOW HE CARES" was written by inspiration in behalf of the foreign missions cause by Sister Lela M. Black. The song-sheet is being made up into a beautiful four-page folder and contains the pictures of our missionaries in 28 foreign countries. These song sheets sell for 50 cents and they are well worth every penny of it.

All profits from the sale of this song go for foreign missions. Send your order to: CHURCH OF GOD FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

CHURCH OF GOD TO PARTICIPATE IN BEREA COLLEGE CENTENNIAL

THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN mountains form one of the major areas for a growing church activity. Many denominations have shown a particular concern for this area. Of these, one of the younger but more vigorous is the Church of God. Vital, dynamic, this group has become a compelling force in the mountaineers' struggle for a larger better life.

The Church of God has been invited by Berea College to hold a week-end conference in conjunction with WILDERNESS ROAD, Berea's Centennial Drama. This has been scheduled for August 14-15 with the Reverend James A. Cross as principal speaker. Mr. Cross, who is a distinguished leader of this Church is Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God, with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. His address will occur on Sunday, August 14, at 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight time at Berea's Indian Fort Theater.

On Monday, August 15, there will be an informal discussion of those in attendance to discuss the role of the church in serving this area. It is hoped that as many as possible will remain for the "Fat Man's Misery" picnic supper at 5:00 o'clock and for the evening performance of WILDERNESS ROAD at 8:15 p.m.

WILDERNESS ROAD, written by Paul Green in celebration of Berea's Centennial Anniversary, is a stirring drama of the Southern Appalachians. It represents the people of the mountains not as comic characters but as individuals of integrity and courage, searching for religious light. This struggle for direction is dealt with in a way which has profound moral and religious implications.

WILDERNESS ROAD will open on June 29 and run nightly, except Sunday, through Labor Day. Individual and group reservations may be secured from WILDERNESS ROAD headquarters, Berea, Kentucky, telephone 890.

A special mission offering check of $500.00 being presented to Rev. Paul H. Walker, Executive Foreign Missions Secretary, on Easter Sunday at the Wilmington, North Carolina, Fourth Street Church of God. From left to right: David Willets, Sunday School Superintendent; Paul H. Walker, and C. R. Callahan, pastor.

This special offering is to be used to build a church in some mission field.

Report of My West Indies Trip

By A. M. PHILLIPS

On Sunday morning, February 27, Pan-American Flight 223 taxied down the long runway of Miami's International Airport and soon we landed in Camaguey, Cuba, for a twenty-minute rest stop, and arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, at 12:45. We, (Brother James T. Pitts of Louisville, Kentucky, and I) were met by the Island Overseer, Brother P. F. Taylor, who had just welcomed Brother F. R. Harrawood and Brother Charles Mack Newton (of Illinois) to the Jamaica Convention.

Jamaica

We were soon on the busy streets of Jamaica. Immediately after we ate lunch, without taking time to unpack, we hurried to Guys Hill, the place that later was purchased for our school in Jamaica. After a busy Sunday afternoon we arrived in Kingston just in time for the Convention service to begin. Brother Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, and Brother A. W. Brummet, Overseer of the West Indies, along with Brother James B. Reesor (of Missouri), joined us for the first night service of the Convention. The Beeson Street church was packed, and many hundreds were on the outside on the first night of the Convention; it was more than we had anticipated. Because of the interest shown by the various ministers and the members and friends throughout Jamaica, the Convention was off to an unforgettably good start. The introduction of the guests, and the response, was very impressive. Those who have attended any of the Jamaican Conventions know in what a dignified manner the ministers of Jamaica introduce guests to their convention. Every service was spirit-filled, and one could sense the deep devotion to God, and the consecrated lives to His cause. The altar services were especially good; one of the most impressive parts of the services was when, because of the large crowds on many nights, the choir would march to the outside in order to give room for people to seek God.

On Monday morning we enjoyed a business session with the ministers. We were impressed by their desire to be real Church of God ministers in order to promote the Church throughout the entire Island. We were blessed on Monday night and Tuesday night to have with us our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Houston R. Morehead, who seemed at his best in every sermon; we felt that his preaching was outstandingly good. I shall never forget when the annuoncement of the decision to purchase the school property was made by Brother Walker of the reaction from the ministers and members of the entire congregation. Before a person goes to the Island he wonders if the interest is as great as many times he has been told it is; however, when one sees the desire and the hunger in the lives of these ministers and members to have a school for training natives for church work, it is then he understands their deep concern with reference to the preparation of native ministers for the promotion of the Church. The Overseer, Brother Taylor, had a very constructive program outlined, and everyone seemed to be at his best with whatever task was assigned to him during the Convention. We learned before leaving the Island of Jamaica that the property had been purchased for our school there and all legal papers had been completed. I never did realize that those people could and would contribute to the purchasing and maintaining of a school as they did during the convention. If I am not mistaken, Brother Walker told me the final figure was six-hundred pounds that the Convention gave and pledged to equip the school. My going to the Island the Convention will enable me to discuss the work in Jamaica and assist in whatever development may come before the Board from time to time.

Haiti

We arrived at the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and found the Heils and Beattys on hand to welcome us; it was a joy again to renew acquaintance with our missionary workers in that territory. We were carried immediately to the Overseer's new house into which Brother and Sister Heil had just moved the day before our arrival. I was very anxious to get a first-hand picture of the school property in Haiti, and we immediately began our talks concerning the boundaries and location of the school projects. When we walked over the grounds I was convinced more than ever that the purchased property and the buildings that are now outlines for our school property in Haiti were beyond my expectation. Brother Heil, in my estimation, has done an outstanding job in supervising the building of his house and the preparation and building of the other projects for the school. You will be glad to know that while I was there a business person offered to purchase the property and pay the Missions Department twice the amount invested. I felt extremely pleased with this, and it helped the Heils and Beattys to feel that we did invest in good property in that Island. They hope to have all buildings complete in twelve months; they began working on the Beattys' house the week we left.

Our visits to the various churches in Haiti were very helpful to us. We took a journey into the interior on Saturday night to the church named Devoua. We rode in the jeep thirty minutes toward Fort Jackson; then we were met by a caravan with horses, and we rode and walked for two-and-a-half hours for the night service. We ate the native food and slept on the native beds in the huts after enjoying a service that was very impressive. To celebrate our coming to Devoua they had an all-night service. Sunday morning we ate the native food and then rode the horses for twenty minutes to Fort Jock for a service. We returned on Sunday afternoon to Port-au-Prince and attended the church there on Sunday night. As in the other churches, it was full of

natives for a wonderful service. Following testimonies, songs, and special music yours truly preached on Sunday night with Brother Lacombe interpreting. Every place we went we found the buildings packed with natives serving the Lord. The work in Haiti is progressing as nicely as can be expected. The Overseer and the Educational Director have to supervise the building program for our school, and they are not permitted to visit in the interior as they will be after these buildings are completed. I have this confidence in both of them that they will finish the task before them. I am sure you would be more than pleased to see our property in Haiti. It is certainly an asset to the Church of God there. That is one place in which we could receive more money than we paid for our property, if we desired to sell.

Dominican Republic

We were met at the airport in Ciudad Trujillo by our Overseer, Brother William Alton. Immediately, without going to his home, we loaded into the jeep to go to La Romana, one hundred twenty-five miles from Ciudad Trujillo. One of our party was privileged to preach the dedicatory sermon at this place. Here we have a beautiful church built of cement blocks made by the natives. It is plastered inside and stuccoed on the outside; it is 30 feet x 65 feet and the church has fifty-five members. It is surprising to know what they have accomplished with their very fine pastor, Brother Pelegrin Soriano, who is an exceptionally fine pastor, in my estimation, is very clean and nice, and conducts a service very impressively. We went through the town of Cabrera; there are one hundred and three members there, and the pastor, Brother C. T. Pedro, is doing an outstanding work; however they do not own a church building, so they use a rented building. We also visited the church at Rio Haina where there are thirty members, and they are expecting to build a new church within the next twelve months. They are worshipping in a small building, and own the property where they are worshipping, also, they own a lot across the street where they plan to build the new church; it is eight miles from Ciudad Trujillo.

We have eleven churches and four hundred sixty-six members in Dominican Republic. We have nine church buildings and have to rent only two buildings for worship. Plans were complete to start school the next week after we were there. Brother Alton is conducting it in the main church in Ciudad Trujillo; I believe he expects about twenty in attendance.

Puerto Rico

We had the privilege of making quite an extensive tour in Puerto Rico. We visited the main church which is a nice large building with many rooms in it, and it has very special and impressive services. Brother Antonio Collazo, the Overseer, is very much concerned about the progress of the church work in Puerto Rico, and he is outlining a school program which I am sure will be an asset to those attending. We talked at length concerning the school and the curriculum, and we were shown the building. I received information from him concerning the number of rooms required for the school, as well as concerning the kitchen, dining room, assembly hall, etc. I am much impressed with the outlook for the native schools in each of these islands. It is my opinion that having our schools is the best thing for educating the natives for the ministry. With the acocmmodations at the headquarters church in San Juan, the school can be conducted there, at least temporarily, until such time as we grow out of it or feel we must enlarge our school project in Puerto Rico. Brother Collazo plans to begin the school with approximately ten or twelve students, ten young ministers and two lady ministers; at present only ministerial students will be admitted. He plans to start the school this fall, run it four months, and graduate the students in three years. He hopes to increase the school to six months and graduate the students in two years. It is his desire to have a nine-month school for the church people sometime in the future.

We visited the book store and found it was serving many of the churches and preachers with various books, Bibles, etc., for the promotion of the Church. Brother Collazo, to make room for the church to grow as well as to prepare for the opening of the school, found it necessary to move out of the rooms above the church so the Sunday School and the Bible school would have room for the various classes. We were permitted to visit the San Juan church, which has sixty-five members and a full-time pastor who is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Island. It was impressive to us to find that each church is sponsoring a building program by having a large gallon glass jug for receiving offerings, and every church is expected to contribute any amount it can to this building fund. They do make regular donations to the expansion of the new church buildings at each service.

Gurabo is a town about thirty miles from San Juan where they are worshipping in a rented building. They had secured a lot for building a church and were digging the foundation the day I visited it. They have eighty members and a very energetic pastor. We visited the Roadside Chapel which is a country church outside of Gurabo.

Also, we were permitted to go through the town of Caguas which has a rented building with sixteen members; they are hoping to build a new church in the near future.

Bayamon is a nice church and the pastor is one of our International Preparatory students, Hector Hermandez. They have repaired the building and are adding to the present structure. The church has a membership of fifty, which supports the pastor and his wife.

Coto Norte is a rural church with one hundred thirty-five members, and they are now conducting three outstations; two of them have chapels in which to worship. We visited Rosa Neighborhood Chapel and also Altagracia with approximately forty members who are preparing to build a concrete church which will replace the old frame building. We visited Coto Sissur, which is an organized church and supports the full-time pastor.

Bahama Islands

Our visit to the Bahama Islands was very profitable to me, because in practically every meeting during the last six or eight years we have discussed the Fowler Street and the East Street churches. Brother M. W. Patterson was on hand to welcome us to the Island and to give us every consideration during our visit there. He carried us to many of the churches, including the two mentioned above. Also, we visited the Wolfe Road church, the Riverside Memorial; Carona, California Memorial; The Fox Hill, and the Grove church. Our service in the Fowler Street church was very inspiring. We talked at length to Brother Patterson concerning his plans for the school and found he has given much thought to it and he is preparing to set up a program for the school. He is

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A Little Bit of Heaven

—*Chuicaca, Guatemala*

By MRS. FRANCES McCALL, Missionary

Would you like to be in a place for four days that seems like what you imagine Heaven is like? Well, if you would, you ought to come to an annual convention at Chuicaca, Guatemala! On the top of a mountain, 10,000 feet above sea level, some two thousand Guatemalan Christians, their missionaries, and special visitors gather for this great time together in the Lord. Oh, you will not get the accommodations of heaven—wonderful beds or United States food—but it is the heavenly atmosphere that I am writing about. When you see these people shout and sing the praises of the Lord, and you know how they sacrificed to get here, you want to say, "No wonder they can shout." It hurts our hearts to realize that some of these precious people have walked a week to get here. Several days' walking is not unusual for a large number of them. Everyone must walk the last three miles (unless he is among the fortunate missionaries or visitors who get to ride a mule). Those last three miles are impassable by car and sometimes the path is so narrow that only one person can go on it at a time. Do not let me scare you, for we want some of you to come and be with us at convention time next year.

Now, I would like to tell you how God especially blessed this year. It seemed even better than it had been in a long time.

Brother and Sister Pullin, our esteemed Overseer, and his wife, had everything arranged, as they always do, for a wonderful time in the Lord.

From the first service, we could feel the Lord's presence. People accepted the Lord that night, and in service after service until the last night when His Holy Spirit took control. It seemed from one side of the auditorium to the other, people came forward, telling how they had been saved, or sanctified, or filled with the Holy Ghost in their rooms in prayer meetings before service, or in the service right then. At least 500 people were shouting and dancing and praising the Lord at one time. Now you see why it seemed like "a little bit of heaven"! People were receiving the Holy Ghost all around. There was absolutely no way to keep an account but there were at least one hundred people who were saved, many sanctified, and another one hundred filled with the Holy Ghost.

There were five couples married at the same time, forty-two baptized in the cold mountain river, thirty-one babies dedicated to the Lord, besides all the other good blessings.

As a special guest, Brother James Wardrop, from Youngstown, Ohio, was here. For twenty years he had wanted to come to Chuicaca and this year, he was able to come. For many years he has been a friend of Brother and Sister Pullin and Brother and Sister Furman. Brother Wardrop, long ago, sent $300 for the roof of the Totonicipan Church. He was a great blessing, as he prayed for the sick. One of the most unusual healings was a young, deaf and dumb child who was healed and then spoke a couple of words in English.

The next day, Brother Vessie D. Hargrave, the Superintendent of the Latin American countries, had a memorial service for Abinadab Martinez, our precious Guatemalan minister who was a student at Lee College and was killed in an automobile accident during the Christmas holidays. What a tragedy for his wonderful Christian family, as well as for us in Guatemala, for we all looked forward to his return to preach to his people. God in His mercy always knows best! We want to thank the Missions Department and the Church for the way in which they sent his body home and for their great kindness. Their thoughtfulness did much to increase the people's respect for the Church of God in Guatemala. There is one thing more we want you to know—that is: Abinadab's mother and father said that if they receive any money from his death, the first thing they are going to do is buy property on which a church can be built in memory of him. Isn't that love for the Lord?

Our hearts are happy when we see how much these people love the Lord.

We also were honored to have with us Brother Miguel Flores, a professor in our Bible School in El Salvador, who spoke on training people to work for the lord and urged prospective ministers to attend our Bible School in El Salvador.

Sunday morning was an ordination service. Two were ordained and seven other ministers were promoted to exhorters or evangelists. Then the new youth officials and the thirteen Youth Directors consecrated and were prayed for.

But to all of us, the outstanding moment of the service was when sixty-one persons came forward, dedicating themselves to work for the Lord in Guatemala. They were not preachers, but they gave their lives to work for God in whatever place He might see fit to use them—whether in teaching a Sunday School class, in praying for the sick, or in any work where someone is needed. Workers are so vitally needed here. While there are about four thousand Church of God members in Guatemala, yet there are some three million others who need to be reached with the saving grace of Jesus.

Pray, and do what God tells you to do, and some day in heaven, you, too, will get to see all these Guatemalan Christians and not only them, but also everyone whose name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

CHURCH OF GOD MEMBERSHIP OUTSIDE OF CONTINENTAL U.S.

The membership of the Church of God has passed the 130,000 mark outside of continental United States. In the last few months there has been over a 3,000 increase in our membership. Praise the Lord!

This response is due to the contributions that you, the people here at home, have been making to help the missionary go into foreign lands and tell the story of Jesus and His love.

Successful Prayer Conference in Nigeria

By T. D. MOONEYHAM, Missionary

Already two weeks have elapsed since the close of our First Nigerian Prayer Conference, but it is still a time of precious memories in the minds of all us who attended, because of the presence of the Spirit of God in all services.

At nine o'clock in the morning of the first day of the conference practically all of the ministers and a good representation of the laity were present at Ikot Idong Church of God for the opening hymn and prayer. The presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt from the beginning of the first service and continued throughout the conference. Doubts of the success, and curiosity as to the proceedings of a Prayer Conference vanished from many minds as God poured out His Spirit upon us during the closing prayer of the first service.

I felt much encouraged and refreshed as I listened to the different ministers preach from their hearts on the assigned topics, all of which dealt with prayer. It was, also, very encouraging to hear different ones testify of the grace of God who had delivered them from witchcraft, superstition and vice. When one sees first hand the life and practices of heathenism it makes him appreciate the grace of God more. One former witch doctor gave his testimony of how the Holy Spirit arrested him, how God saved him, and how He helped him to have a bonfire of all his Juju equipment. Today he is a staunch member in the Church of God and testifies to other heathen of the power of God and the joy of salvation.

The revival spirit did not end at the close of the conference, but I have been receiving some good reports from the different districts. In the Ikot Oko district, a distance of twenty miles from here, twelve people have been baptized in the Holy Spirit; also, in the Southern Ukanafun area, a distance of twenty-five miles in the opposite direction, I received a similar report—God baptized twelve in the Holy Spirit in one service. Twelve seems to be the common number. Last Sunday night I took the family with me (as happens very often) to visit one of the churches unexpectedly. God gave us a marvelous service. Twelve more came forward and knelt at the altar confessing their sins and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. The next day the pastor of the church told me that every one of the twelve came along with the members to church the following morning to the 6:00 a.m. Bible study.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN NIGERIA

Reverend and Mrs. T. D. Mooneyham and family. Left to right, the girls' names are: Glenda, Shirley, and Beverley.

Every pastor is stressing the importance of having a family altar, and many of the laity are adhering to the teachings.

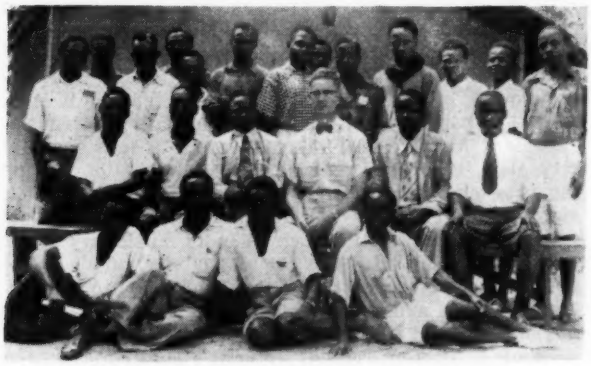
I have been receiving calls from many directions asking for the Church of God to come to their community. We neither spare the Word, nor fail to declare the whole counsel of God, but we preach it in its simplicity, purity and holiness. In Nigeria, as in other lands, people appreciate it and accept it. Naturally, some will reject and fall by the wayside, but many will take hold of, love and cherish the truth. We are praying that this is only the bud that will open into the full-grown flower with all its fragrance and beauty; that multitudes will experience the transforming power of the Son of God; and that believers will be built up in the faith. Nigeria, with its millions still in heathen darkness, needs such a revival.

During the month of April we made a trip to Calabar in answer to a request that we organize a Church of God in that section. Calabar is only seventy miles from here, but in order to reach it one has to go the last twenty miles by ferry. There are no roads leading to it from this side because of the swamps. Several months ago one of our ministers, without the promise of any support at all, took upon himself the responsibility of going into this section and opening a new work for the Church of God. A few weeks later I received a letter from a chief of a village thirteen miles beyond Calabar desiring to know more about our teachings and wanting us to open a mission there, also. At the time of our visit they were having services daily in the home of the chief, who appeared to be a devoted Christian. He has donated land for the construction of a church and parsonage, and I am looking forward in the future for another letter stating that the buildings are ready and everything is in order for organizing.

As we traveled over that part of the country my mind wandered back to the time when that great missionary of the Cross, Mary Slessor, of the past century, walked through the fever infested jungles that were pregnant with all types of wild life, to save the lives of newborn twins. At that time it was not permitted that twins should live. There have been many changes since then

PRAYER CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA

This large group of men represents our Church of God ministers in Nigeria. This picture was taken at the Prayer Conference (four ministers were absent when the picture was taken). Brother Mooneyham is seated in the middle.



because of government regulations and the preaching of the gospel, but in many respects things remain the same. Native habits and customs, as a whole, do not change over night. Satan does not easily give up a kingdom where he has reigned supremely for centuries; but once Christ has formed a beachhead, he has to withdraw his forces.

Last Sunday morning I preached to a large congregation. Three churches desiring membership in the Church of God had united for a combined service to hear the message and instructions from the missionary. The prospects of receiving them into the church are favorable. They all have a similar custom of showing their appreciation for the missionary's visit—the presentation of gifts: such as, yams, bananas, oranges, pineapples, rice, chickens, eggs, and varied articles. It causes a person to appreciate them because one knows that they give liberally out of their poverty.

There is so much to be done that there is never a moment to lose. One family will never be able to fulfill all requests, but by your prayers and the help and grace of God we will give all that is within us to the purpose of winning the lost and establishing the believers in Christ in this part of God's vineyard.

SOME OF THE MINISTERS' IMPRESSIONS OF THE PRAYER CONFERENCE

(These are given in the exact broken English in which they wrote.)

"It is my desire to testify some of the benefits I and others derived from our last Prayer Conference, this was the first time we ever had. I want to thank God who leads our Brother T. D. Mooneyham, Superintendent of Church of God Mission U.S.A. in Nigeria. I have to say that the revival fire is burning in our work in this field.

"Prayer is the key which unlocks the heavenly door, if it true it means that our prayer conference was granted and heavenly door was opened to us. In this meeting different people spoke, preached, testified, sang praises. When our program said, 'A Call to Prayer,' our Superintendent explained that unsaved people should come forward to kneel down for prayer. Just after prayer I heard two outside members of non-Pentecostal church said, 'Oh, there is a change in me,' said one, and another said to me, 'I know my soul derives benefits because during prayer service I saw a vision of Jesus.' And he admitted that he would rather become a member in our church. During healing session one layman in our church said that he was all right from sickness which he always have daily, that was fainting spells and he is all well. Many were saved and healed as they testified in my hearing. I did not like to spend ten minutes before in prayer, but just after then I have the habit of a longer prayer. The night meetings were mostly appreciated, and people say, 'unforgettable nights.' This means that many of our members and outsiders said they will not forget that night to which they souls were saved. I also, thank God who leads Sister Mooneyham to give us such melodious songs with her organ (accordion) which even made the non-members to tarry longer and witness our sermons. I hope many will join with us in prayer to press on and to lift up the banner of the Lord, and I hope also that our work is blessed and will still be blessed, and that God's guidance may be upon our Superintendent so that he may lead us and that the Lord's name may be manifested.

"I should say more but time never permits, but praises be to God who leads us to His way of truth through this dark world. I will pray without ceasing."—B. O. Umoh, District Pastor.

"The first Annual Prayer Conference held at Ikot Idong from 3rd to 4th May 1955, was ever blessed meeting for my soul. It makes every thing changed in my life, and I obtain more power in my service. Brother T. D. Mooneyham conducted the meetings Biblically and spiritually. Among the natives, many were saved and received Jesus as their personal Saviour. I am still praying for next Prayer Conference."—S. O. Umoh, District Pastor.

"We are grateful to our almighty Father who had sent into our midst these honourable workers in the persons of Brother and Sister Mooneyham. The above missionaries are proving themselves soulwinners to Christ within their short stay with us here in the country of Nigeria. Thanks be unto God who is enabling them to be alert in their ministry day and night.

"We had a wonderful time during our First Annual Prayer Conference where all present were inspired by the messages given by the Superintendent and the District Pastors in succession with prescribed subjects of preaching to each of us by the Superintendent, all based on prayer. The congregation was taught of why, how, when to pray, meaning of prayer and importance of prayer, as well as the 'Family Altar' and evangelistic messages inclusive. It was glorious to see how the hand of the Lord began to move from the middle to the end of the meeting, during which time all prayed with supplication in Spirit with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost for Father's answer. Many pagans that attended the nights meetings were moved with penitent hearts, and they sought for their soul salvation by coming out and knelt before the altar. Hallelujah! The revival is peeping into our churches in consequence of the Prayer Conference. My prayer is, 'May the Lord use the instrumentality of Brother and Sister Mooneyham with assistance of the District Pastors aided by the local pastors for a revival in Nigeria."—G. N. Amiang, District Pastor.

Reaching Out

By

JOHN J. CODY

Pastor, Carmi, Illinois

In Paul's letter in Galatians 4:4, we read these words, "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son."

God had a plan and a purpose in sending His Son Jesus Christ into this world.
Jesus Christ came according to this plan.
And He fulfilled the purpose for which He was sent.

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him," Acts 10:38.

Jesus Christ spent His life reaching out.
Reaching out to help suffering humanity.
Reaching out to give light to a darkened world.
Reaching out to save lost souls.

When He left, He left the disciples something to do, and they did it.
He left us something to do, and we must do it.
And this Great Commission that He left is my subject, and my topic is:

REACHING OUT

MY text is Matthew 28:19, 20,
"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

Jesus Christ, in a resurrected body
Ready to ascend into heaven,
Left these last words for you and for me, Christian friends.
"Go ye into all the world," Mark 16:15.

Yes, Jesus went away into heaven.
He is coming again, just as He went, and coming soon.
But we must be watching, praying and working when He does come.

COMMENDATION

The report from the Church in Carmi, Illinois speaks for itself. It is truly a commendable thing they are doing—**reaching out to reach the unreached.** When a church once sees the vision of a perishing world and begins to reach out, its out-reach will eventually lengthen until its embrace and compassion will be universal in scope. It is a natural consequence. This business of missions cannot be localized or sectionalized. It leaps all bounds and barriers and is never satisfied unless all of the world's lost is taken into consideration. If it is of eternal importance for one nation or race, it is equally important for all nations and all races. If it is good for Jerusalem, it is likewise good for "Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth." May God grant that many other churches will emulate this "reaching-out spirit" that is motivating such splendid missionary action in the Carmi church. Hats off and hearty amens to the efficient and enthusiastic pastor, Brother John J. Cody, Jr. and to the marvelous and magnanimous work of this missions-minded church.

—Wade H. Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative

Here at this point Jesus did not leave us in the dark.

He gave us a formula, a pattern, an example to follow.
He showed us clearly just what we must do.
The commission is to go, to send, and to occupy.
This we can do by reaching out.

You might say, "I cannot preach,"
Or "I am not called to be a missionary,"
Or "I do not feel that God has a special duty for me."
But, my Christian friend, you can reach out.

If you cannot occupy a special place until He comes,
If you cannot spread the Gospel personally,
Then you can send it by reaching out.
Reaching out with contributions and relief.

Jesus so forcefully said these words, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," Matthew 6:19-21.
Who are we to help?
Who are we to help by reaching out?
We are to help that person who is in need.
We are to reach out and help our neighbor.

You may ask the question, as the lawyer, "Who is our neighbor?"
Jesus said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he

was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee," Luke 10:30-35.

Jesus then asked the lawyer this question,
"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?" And the lawyer answered Jesus, "He that shewed mercy on him," Then Jesus giving the example said, "Go, and do thou likewise."

Who was this man's neighbor?
Was it the priest who should have helped and did not?
Was it the Levite who should have helped and did not?
No, it was not these two men.

Then who was a neighbor to this man who fell among thieves?
It was the good Samaritan.
The man who took time to help one in need.
And Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise," Luke 10:37.

For all the finance that we give,
For all the relief that we send;
God will not forget our labor of love toward our neighbor,
But He will remember us here and when we enter the Kingdom of God.

Right here at this point a Scripture rings so true.
"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him,

How dwelleth the love of God in him?
My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth," 1 John 3:17, 18.

We must not love only in song.
We must not love only in word.
But we must love in deed.
And we must love in truth.

The church is reaching out as never before.
Members are sacrificing to give to the missions cause.
Some are giving their cash returns from their income tax.
Many are pledging and working it out.

The church is reaching out to send more missionaries.
The church is reaching out by helping those already on the field.
The church is reaching out with its contributions.
The church is reaching out with its prayers.

"Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come ye blessed of the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink:

I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," Matthew 25:34-40.

The hour has come to answer this cry for help.
Help this great cause by reaching out,
Reaching out into all the world.
All can reach out by, praying, working and giving.

Jesus Christ in reaching out gave all.
Then He said that we must reach out.
The great Apostle Paul gave all by reaching out.
He said, "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you," 2 Corinthians 12:15.

Paul's last moments were spent in prison.
We have no record of his possessing any material wealth.
He died a martyr's death.
He sealed his testimony of Christ in his own blood in a foreign field preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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A MISSION-MINDED CHURCH

The Church of God in Carmi, Illinois, has exceeded its state missions budget for three consecutive years. **This year we have MORE THAN DOUBLED any previous year on record.**

In addition to this the Church of God in Carmi has been aiding our missionaries for the past eight weeks by sending them the Word of God, Christian literature, and **good** used clothing. At the time of this writing, we have sent 19 pounds of Christian literature, 141 pounds of the Word of God, and 619 pounds of **good** used clothing to 32 of our missionaries in 27 different countries.

The Sunday School is sponsoring a weekly radio program, "Reaching Out," which is dedicated to the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world."

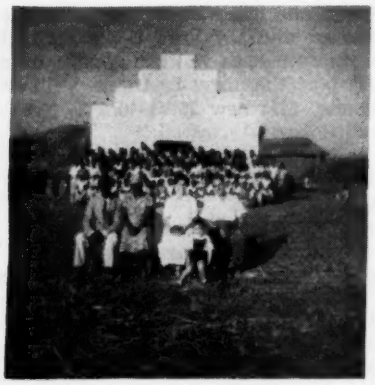
Since the start of this missions campaign, which is under the capable direction of our pastor, John J. Cody, Jr., We have received help, both large and small, from near and far. The Lord is abundantly blessing our church, and we desire the continued prayers of one and all.

—Don Rhein, Church Reporter

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH IN ANGOLA

This picture shows the new church building with the congregation and workers, and it bespeaks the untiring efforts of our Sister Stark and her associates in Angola.

I know that the readers of the **Macedonian Call** will rejoice to know that this new station at Gabela which is about 70 miles from the old station at Vista Alegre, is moving forward.

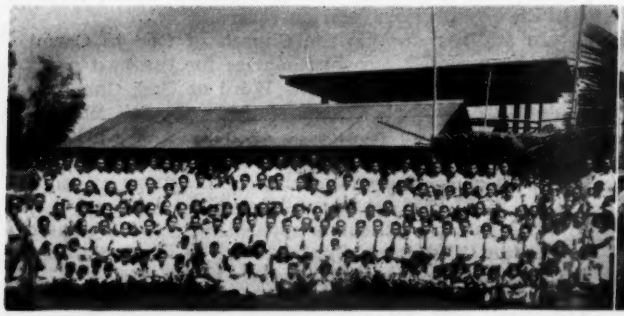


Many Baptized. Sister Stark writes further: "Brother Manuel Martins is in the water with those who are to be baptized. There were 13 baptized that day, bringing our membership to 51. With 4 others who were transferred from Vista Alegre, we now have 55 in Gabela. The work is growing in Gabela with an average attendance of 99 in services."

Vista Alegre Celebrates Its Fifth Anniversary. Sister Stark writes: "On March 6, Joaquim Martins had an all-day service at Vista Alegre—a homecoming celebrating the five years since we opened the work in Vista Alegre. Many of the Christians from here, and others, went in two truck loads. There were over 400 people gathered at the all-day service; there were 14 Christians baptized that day; the gathering has stirred the people near and far. It is surely the way the Lord works, for which we praise Him."

Seventy-five to Be Baptized. In Ebbo, there are 75 who are waiting to be baptized and who are faithful in the services. Our blind brother, a native worker and his wife, Falitia, are happy in the work there. Remember to pray for us in Angola."

ANNUAL CONVENTION AND NATIONAL Y.P.E. RALLY IN THE PHILIPPINES IS GREAT SUCCESS



These pictures speak for themselves. This is a fine-looking group with banners for the national Y.P.E. rally at Cabatuan, Isabela.

The same holds good for the 6th annual convention of the New Testament Church of God at the same place.

Our Brother F. R. Cortez is to be highly congratulated for the fine work that he and his co-workers are doing in the Philippines for the redemption of the lost. May God bless them in their program of promotion in that land. May He crown their every effort in the Bible School program and the evangelism program with success.

THE CHURCH OF GOD BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

This spacious building is where our Bible School is now being conducted in the Republic of Chile. Brother and Sister Edmund Outhouse are in charge of this. This is Church of God property.

This picture shows one of the second-year Bible School classes in Santiago.

The next picture is one of the Christian Workers and part of the first-year students in one of the classes. The Brother wearing the glasses is Brother Outhouse, our missionary.

This fine group of people comprises the first Church of God in Chile. We have a number of such groups there, and God is really blessing in a wonderful way.

We all are proud of the graduating class who finished their studies in the 1954 term. This group represents what your mission dollar does. Surely none who gave to the cause of missions will regret what they gave when they see such dividends as these. These students have been born from above through hearing the gospel message that the missionary brought to them. In this graduating class we see pictured our Brother and Sister Outhouse, both wearing dark glasses.

I have before me the pictures of many other classes in other short-term schools that have been conducted by Brother Outhouse, and I also have pictures of national ministers. My heart is overwhelmed and I must exclaim with the Psalmist David, "Behold what hath God wrought."

FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS OF USED CLOTHING GOES TO THE MISSION FIELD IN JAMAICA

The above picture shows the 79 large cartons of used clothing which is ready for shipment to Jamaica. Standing beside them is Reverend John Branson, Appalachian District Youth Director and pastor at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Brother Branson is saying good-bye to these cartons of used clothing, realizing that they will soon find good owners in the Island of Jamaica who will make excellent use of them. This clothing is being shipped from the N and W freight station in Norton, Virginia. This magnificent job was done by only five churches: Dunfordtown, Norton, Big Stone Gap, St. Charles, and Rose Hill. Reverend J. B. Holcomb is the District Pastor.

May the Lord bless this excellent work as these fine churches and brethren continue their foreign missions effort.

Anyone wishing to send used clothing to any country may advise the Church of God Foreign Missions Department, and we will give full information as to how it can be shipped directly from your town to the mission field. We will also give information as to packing and an idea of what the freight or postage will cost. Incidentally, the cost is considerable, and we advise that, when possible, the same effort be put forth in securing cash offerings. These would result in the same accomplishment and would dispense the shipping costs. However, the used clothing project is a very worthy one.—Executive Secretary.

50 YEARS OF MISSIONARY SERVICE

Dear Church of God Family:

It is now some time since I have written to you, so I am again embracing this opportunity of once more writing you.

God has been wonderfully good to me. On March 18, I completed fifty years of missionary service in the Tropics. I first arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, on March 18, 1905. During these fifty years, it has been my privilege to do service in many of the islands of the West Indies and also in South and Central America. God has helped me to see over 9,000 souls come to the Saviour. And while on March 25, I reached my seventy-fifth birthday, and on March 26, my fifty-sixth year in the Lord's service, my health is remarkably good for my age. I am still able to tell the love of Jesus and seek to win souls for the Master.

Pray for me as I pray for you, that God will help me to be a blessing to needy souls.—J. B. Winter, in happy, glad service for God and souls.

REPORT FROM TUNISIA

By Miss Margaret Gaines, Missionary

April was a very good month. There were two converts: a young man twenty-three years old who is an Italian and a young lady about fourteen years old who has a Jewish mother, and a father who is French. Both are very sincere. The mother and the uncles to the young lady are interested in the full gospel faith. They are a little more liberal in their belief in Christ than most Jews. I am leading them in a carefully planned study of the law and Messianic prophecy in order to help them to understand Christ as their Messiah. I hope that soon they will make a decision for Christ.

The Y.P.E. is growing and the youth are gaining interest. We are putting on a little contest to encourage them to work. Brother Nicolas, the young man who was converted this month, seems to be a very good worker. I will soon have to get more chairs for the mission because we are filling these up in nearly every service.

We have been having some very good services lately. The presence of God is felt in our midst.

REPORT OF MY WEST INDIES TRIP

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doing exceptionally well and is liked by the people in the Bahamas; the work seems to be in excellent condition. We were permitted to stay in the Overseer's home which is a good piece of property. Brother O. H. Wolff was to arrive the next day after we left Nassau to begin as pastor of the Fowler Street church; I heard good reports of the church's accepting him and giving him full cooperation.

My trip to these various Islands has broadened my scope of missions work and has enlightened me in every respect. I can discuss matters pertaining to the work in the West Indies with a much better understanding of each island's work. If I could have had such a trip six or eight years ago I feel that I would have been better prepared to do a greater job for Missions as a board member.

REACHING OUT

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But Paul had heard the cry of help from those who were in need.
And the Apostle Paul had answered that call.
"Come over into Macedonia, and help us."
He gave his life and his means for the cause of Christ.

And here are his departing words from this life:
"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,

I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing," 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

SAVED FROM BLACK MAGIC

By Pedro Claudio da Silva,

Pastor of Volta Redonda, State of Rio, Brazil

I was lost and lived riotously. I gave myself to the desires of the flesh, to vices and sin, and was an habitual drunkard. Besides I dedicated myself to black magic and became a chief of black magic. I worked with the evil spirits and consumed much "caxaca" (strong drink). I had to drink three quarts a day and at night sometimes six or seven quarts—that is, when I was working with the Devil. After a certain time there began to appear before me men dressed in black. When I sat to rest, these men would not let me rest. I lived in constant oppression by these beings. I got to the place where my wife had to shake me by the shoulders every five minutes and so I lived without God, without peace, and without salvation. One Saturday night as Sunday began to dawn, I passed in front of the cemetery. I fell to the ground. Then I remembered that God exists and cried in a loud voice, "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me. Lord, free me from this oppression." There with my face to the ground, I cried unto the Lord for about fifteen minutes. When I arose, I felt I was saved. I was healed of drink and in my heart there was a great joy. I no longer remembered that I had dealt in black magic. That very same dawn, I became a Christian, a believer in Jesus Christ.

I told my wife what had happened and I was free from the oppression of the enemy of my soul. The following night, when I read the Bible, a black head appeared, but it did not frighten me any more for I said, "I am saved by Jesus," and the evil vision disappeared; I remember I was reading Psalm 91. The Lord saved me from the slavery of hell and I was washed in the precious blood of Jesus.

GREAT HEALINGS REPORTED IN BRAZIL

By Miss Caroline M. Paulsen, Missionary

Odilia de Jesus Silva was sick with tuberculosis. Both lungs were affected. She had no hope for recovery. Several times she had vomited large quantities of blood. She was examined and the X-rays showed that both of her lungs were affected by the cursed disease. One afternoon the Lord Jesus worked marvelously while she and her mother-in-law were praying and singing unto the Lord. All of a sudden the heavens opened, and a star as big as the moon came down to a certain point, then little drops like tears began to fall on her. Her mother-in-law shouted, "Hallelujah." Sister Silva gave glory to Jesus, for in that instance she felt she was healed. Never has she felt the sickness again; the fever disappeared. When her husband arrived from work, he found them so happy in Jesus that they were almost jumping for joy. Immediately he sought to take her to the doctor. There it was found that the lungs had scars, but no more lesions. The doctor said, "What medicine did you take?" She said that she did not take any medicine, but her husband said, "Yes, she took some." The doctor asked what medicine, and Brother Silva replied, "We are believers in Jesus," and told him what had happened. The doctor said he believed that Jesus healed, that he had practiced medicine for many years, but that this was the first miracle he had ever seen which Jesus had performed. Reported by Pedro Claudio da Silva.

"A GREAT MIRACLE"

On Sunday, January 16, 1955, about 4 p.m., in a place called Retiro, some Christians had gathered to visit a sick man. A great storm arose. After some minutes of heavy rain, we saw a big lightning in the heavens and heard a loud crash. I felt as though I had had an electrical shock. I said, "I believe that this struck some place nearby." As I finished speaking, Sister Jovelina arrived, seeking help, for the lightning had struck a house nearby. We ran. When we arrived at the home, I found the head of the house holding his eldest son in his arms and the boy had no pulse. We knelt and asked Jesus in a loud voice to have mercy on the boy and in a few minutes life was restored to him by Jesus Christ. The boy referred to was burned by the lightning and was as dead, but Jesus restored his life. In this same house, were three children who were also burned by the lightning, and one was very badly burned; we prayed and God healed them.—Pedro Claudio da Silva.

Great Influx of Members in Brazil

This picture shows Brother Wayne McAfee, Overseer, and Sister Paulsen with a group of ministers who are affiliating with the Church of God. Incidentally, we are not adding anything to our budget for this. They are coming in without financial commitment. It does not mean that they do not need help, and it does not mean that money is not a necessity, but it does mean that these people are coming in because they love the teachings and doctrines of the Church of God and believe in them. Hundreds have united with the Church in Brazil of late. Watch for later reports of this great ingathering for which we praise the Lord. We are now well anchored in Brazil, and we are praying for God to work in a mighty way in the outpouring of His Spirit.

Remember Brazil in your prayers.

McLean Baptizes in Cuba

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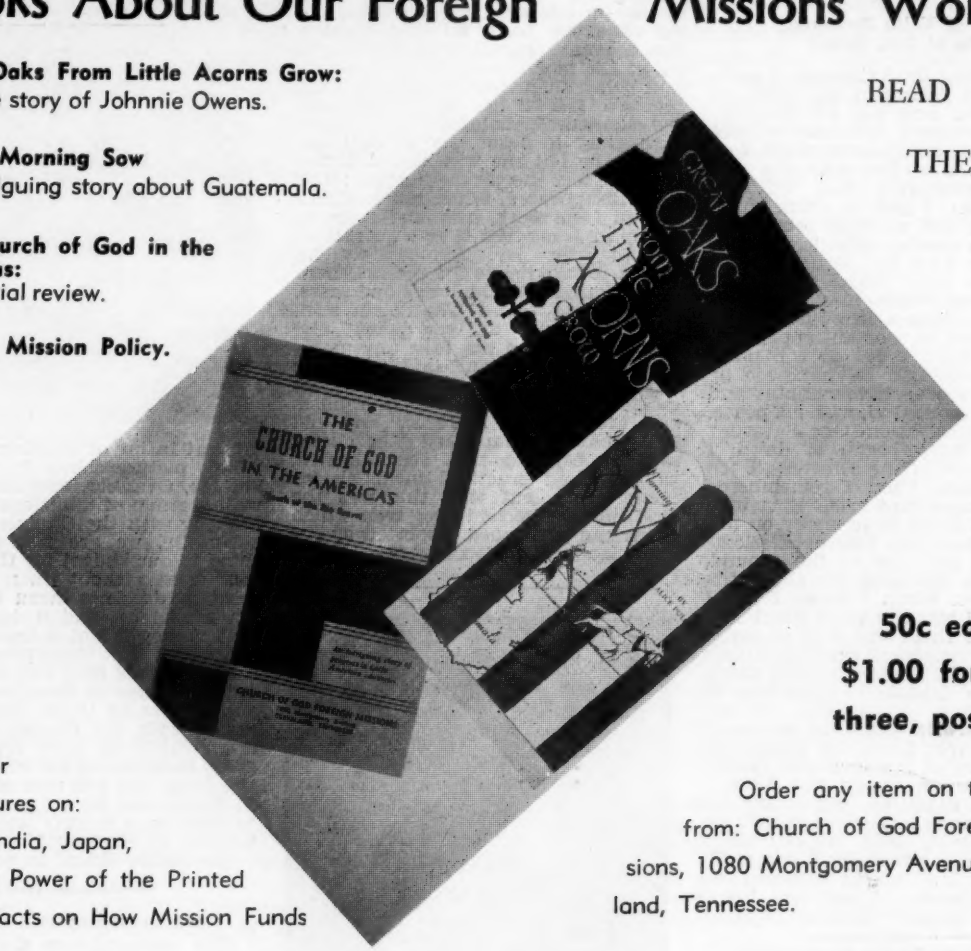

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